NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice

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Title: Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Program

Effective Date: January 09, 2006

Statement of approved clinical practice: The NWT Advisory Committee on Immunization recommends Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine for all infants born on or after January 01, 2006.

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization and the Canadian Pediatric Society also recommend this vaccine program.

Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine is over 94 per cent effective in infants and children in preventing invasive pneumococcal disease, including meningitis and pneumonia.

The NWT will be using Prevnar Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV-7), which is a Wyeth-Ayerst Canada product. All infants to receive 0.5 ml intramuscularly at 2, 4, 6 and 18 months of age.

Number of doses adjusted according to age of start of vaccine program (see attachment).

Attachments: Pneumococcal Information for Health Care Professional
Pneumococcal Information for Parents/Guardians
Revised NWT Immunization Schedule

Additional Resources: Multiple Injections Video

This clinical practice is approved. _____ October 11, 2005
(signature)

Assistant Deputy Minister [ ] **Chief Medical Officer of Health** [x] **Director, Child & Family Services** [ ] **Director, Adoptions** [ ]